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A humpback whale got entangled in a lobster pot and netting eight miles east of Sandy Hook, Feb. 25, 2009 (photo by SNBM Pedro Lopez/U.S. Coast Guard)

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Humpback Whale Stuck in Net Near Sandy Hook

Coast Guard Enforces Safety Zone

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MYFOXNY.COM - A humpback whale has gotten entangled in a lobster pot and netting eight miles east of Sandy Hook, N.J., officials said Wednesday.

The Coast Guard is enforcing a 500-yard safety zone around the whale, which is near the approach to Ambrose Channel.

"We are ensuring the safety of both the animal and boaters," said Lt. j.g. Eric Hanson, of Coast Guard Sector New York, in a statement.

The Coast Guard Cutter Penobscot Bay and a National Oceanic and an Atmospheric Administration vessel are patrolling the area.

Officials said the whale is visible on the surface and is breathing.

A special team from Massachusetts is on its way to the whale free on Thursday.

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